REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are currently pending and have been rejected by the Examiner. In the accompanying amendment, claims 1, 11, 18, and 26 have been amended, and claims 10, 17, and 25 have been cancelled. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found in the written description, claims, and drawings of the subject application, as originally filed. On account of the foregoing listed support for the amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not add new matter.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Agre et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,208,857) or Hunzinger et al. (WO 01/50788) or Palicot et al. (FR 2 802 379). In this regard, the Examiner has stated that:

Agre et al. teach an apparatus, method, and computer-readable storage medium including a positioning mechanism to determine a position of the apparatus, a baseband module including a plurality of network interfaces each supporting a network communications protocol, a determining mechanism to determine which communications networks are operative at the position, a selection mechanism to select one of the operative communications networks, and a connection mechanism to seamlessly connect the apparatus to the selected communications network using one of the network interfaces. See col 2, line 16-col 3, line 23; col 4, line 62-col 5, line 33; col 8, line 50-col 9, line 18.

Hunzinger et al teach an apparatus, method, and computer-readable storage medium including a positioning mechanism to determine a position of the apparatus, a baseband module including a plurality of network interfaces each supporting a network communications protocol, a determining mechanism to determine which communications networks are operative at the position, a selection mechanism to select one of the operative communications networks, and a connection mechanism to seamlessly connect the apparatus to the selected communications network using one of the network interfaces. See p. 5, line 13-p. 1, line 22; p. 12, line 9-p. 14, line 10; p. 16, line 10-p. 18, line 9.

Palicot et al teach an apparatus, method, computer-readable storage medium including a positioning mechanism to determine a position of the apparatus, a baseband module including a plurality f network interfaces each supporting a network communications protocol, a determining mechanism to determine which communications networks are operative at the position, a selection mechanism to select one of the operative communications networks, and a connection mechanism to seamlessly connect the apparatus to the selected communications network using one of the network interfaces. See p. 5, line 24-p. 7, line 6; p. 12, line 17-p. 16, line 27.

Claim 1, as amended, includes the following limitation:

"a mechanism to manage a power consumption of the network interfaces not selected."

For example, in one embodiment, as it is described on page 9 of the written description of the subject application, network interfaces that are not currently being used are selectively turned on or off based on the particular network available at the current position of the apparatus. The above-identified limitation of claim 1 is not taught or suggested by Agre et al., Hunzinger et al., or Palicot et al.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as amended, is not anticipated by Agre et al., Hunzinger et al., or Palicot et al.

Given that claims 2-9 depend on claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also not anticipated by Agre et al., Hunzinger et al., or Palicot et al.

The remaining independent claims of the subject application namely claims 11, 18, and 26, include a limitation similar in scope to the above identified limitation of claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that each of the remaining independent claims of the subject application are not anticipated by Agre et al., Hunzinger et al., or Palicot et al.

Given that claims 12-16, 19-24, 27, and 28 depend on claims 11, 18, and 26, respectively, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also not anticipated by Agre et al., Hunzinger et al., or Palicot et al.

In conclusion, it is respectfully submitted that by virtue of the above claim amendments and arguments, the claims are in condition for allowance. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the amendments be entered and that the rejections to the claims be withdrawn.

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